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Minutes 08-20-2008

MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 20, 2008

Members Present: Barbara Jones, Janice Dallas, Kerrie Fallon, Susan James,
Maureen St. Hilaire

Members Absent: Barbara Cutler, Lin Baker, and Kevin O'Brien

Others Present: Jack Jones, ADA Coordinator
Heidi Hample, Disability advocate

Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2008:

Maureen St. Hilaire moved approval of the Meeting Minutes seconded by Barbara Jones.

Town Day September 20, 2008:

Jack Jones said that Barbara Cutler has offered to provide a canopy to be used at Town Day. Kerrie Fallon suggested that Commission Members consider writing an article for the annual Access Newsletter. Kerrie said that the newsletter is an opportunity for Commission Members that feel passionate about a disability issue to provide information about that issue to others through the newsletter. Kerrie Fallon also requested that the Newsletter be available at the Town Hall, Library, and other appropriate locations. Kerrie requested that if funding is available that the Commission provides a promotional item at Town Day. Jack Jones said that he would inquire as to availability of funding to purchase a promotional item.

Curb Cut Ramps:

Jack Jones said that he has given Michael Rademacher, the Town Engineer a list of thirty-two curb cut ramps to be considered for installation during FY 2009. Jack Jones said that the Town has \$108,000 available for installation of these curb cut ramps, which will cost approximately four thousand dollars each. Jack said that if funds remain after the completion of the construction of sidewalks on Everett and North Union Street those remaining funds could possibly be added to the \$108,000 that is available for curb cut ramps. Janice Dallas inquired if any curb cut ramps were planned for installation on Lake Street. Jack Jones said that four ramps were installed at Brooks Avenue and Lake Street with funds allocated for the Lake Street resurfacing project. Eventually in the future when sidewalk work is scheduled on Lake Street curb cut ramps will be installed where required. The reason that Brooks Avenue and the Lake Street intersection had curb cut ramps installed at this time is because of the proximity to the Hardy School and heavy traffic at this intersection.

DMH Workshop Event Scheduled for October 22, 2008:

Kerrie Fallon said that she would give welcoming comments at this event. Kerrie said that Sheri Mead, Arthur of "Peer Support: An Alternative Approach" will be the key note speaker at this event. Kerrie said that Judi Chamberlin would also speak on behalf of the consumer/survivor movement. Kerrie said that Judi Chamberlin while working on recovery has made a change in many people's lives. This workshop is open to the public. Jack Jones said that the Commission would be a co-sponsor of this event.

Accessible Pedestrian Signals:

Jack Jones said that the APS at Overlook and Summer Street has been activated; however the locator has not been turned on. Barbara Jones said that an article about the APS signals on Summer Street should be included in the Commission's Access Newsletter.

Job Fair:

Jack Jones said that the Job Fair would be scheduled for the spring of 2009. Jack said that he will be meeting with Jane Howard, Gregg Ames, and Miriam Stein to begin planning for this fair. Jack said that the Commission will need to decide soon as to the level of involvement that the Commission would like to have at this fair. Some ideas are recruiting business, providing outreach to consumers, and contacting social service programs regarding the fair.

Other Business:

Kerrie discussed making better use of the Commission's Office space. Kerrie would like to upgrade the office computer and possibly connect up a scanner. The Commission decided to continue further discussion regarding this space until Barbara Cutler was present. Barbara Cutler has had an interest in improving the organization efficiency of this space.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M.